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True Newes
Of a notable victorie obtayned a-
gainst the *Turkes*.

By the Right honourable Lorde,
Adolph Baron of *Swartzburg*, the 18. day of
March last past, Anno 1598. VVhen as he and
his Armie three houres before day, came before *Raab*:
And tooke in that strong and well fenced
Hold and Cittie.

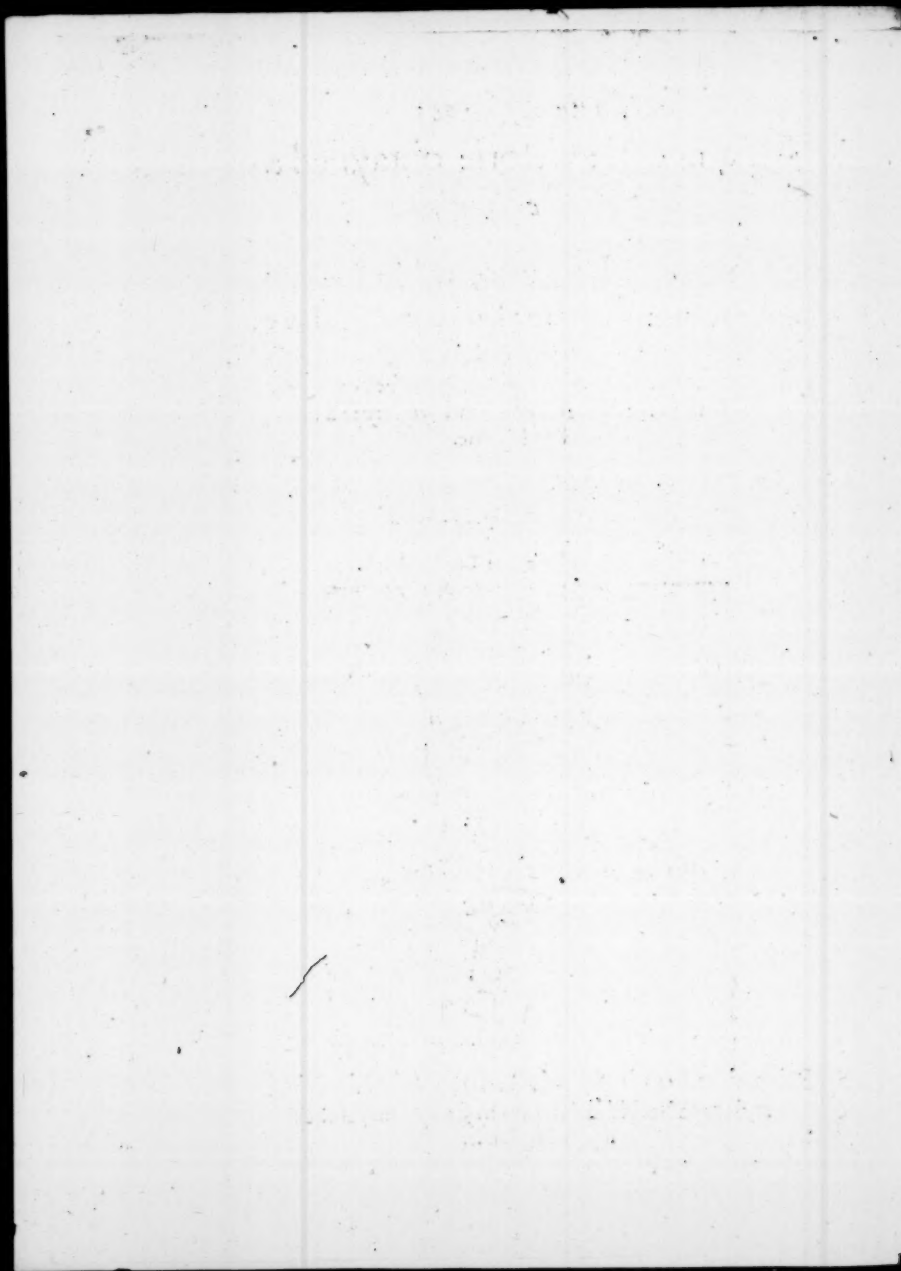
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Of a notable victo-
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Turkes.



With what deceitfull craft, and false practises, (the outrageous Enemie of Chriſtendome) the Turk a ſcwe yeres paſt, through the permiſſion of God, and for our ſinnes, tooke in the ſtrong and well defended holde of Raab in Hungaria, and with all other Fortreſſes lying on the frontiers, whereby no ſmall loſſe and damage is hetherto growne vnto all Chriſtendome: is well knowne vnto many.

But forasmuch, as GOD himſelfe, had euen ſo ſmal pleaſure, in ſuch falſe practiſes, and crafty deceit of the enemie, as of our owne ſinnes, whereby wee daily prouoke him, that he ſuffereth the enemy to raigne ouer vs, he hath with his grace turned againe to vs, and given his Chriſtian ſouldiours a hart and courage, that they and theyr whole company coming before the ſaid Hold, by the power and help of GOD, haue wonderfully taken and wonne the ſame. For which glozious victorie, the ſame almighty God bee prayed and thanked for euer, and that hee will be ſtill aſſiſtant to his Chriſtian people, to deſtroy and defend the Enemie, for his moſt holy Names ſake, Amen.

The whole circumstances as it happened, of the getting thereof, is containd briefly in a letter written to the Emperours Maiestie, as followeth.

THE Lord Adolphi of Swartzburg, being credibly informed, that the Turkes of Raab, were gone forth on foraging: departed out of Camorr the 18. day of March, 1598. with certaine Ensignes of well appointed Souldiers on horsebacke and on foote, and with the Lord Palfy, with these his Haiducks, Husserns, and certaine Duch men of Strigonia, and so secretly encamped in a vale or holow place, about three leagues from Raab. From thence he presently sent about midnight, a hundred chosen men on horsebacke and on foote, befoze to Raab, with certaine wagons, laden with Boate-bridges, Skaling-ladders, and instruments of fire-wozkes. But he himselve with the rest of his Souldiers, followed softly after.

In which expedition, almighty God wonderfullie shewed his goodnes towards vs.

For even as the Christian Souldiers approached nere unto Raab, and the Moone shyning so light and so clere, that they might easily have been scene, perceined, and knowne of the Enemy: suddainly a long, thick & black cloude, covered the Moone in such sort, that they coulde scant discerne one another.

In which suddaine darkning of the Moone: there arose also a great winde, and withall, a mist. Which winde did drive the noyle of our Souldiers and theyr furniture backe from the Enemy, and theyr conning so vnlooked for, that they could not perceiue any thing at all. When the foreward was come to Raab (with out beeing perceined as afoze-said,) they found the draw
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bridge downe, and the Portcullis drawne by. Because the Turkes of Raab, looked every houre for certain wa-
gons of powder to come from Stulweissenburg, and
feared no invasion at this time.

Which good oportunitie our men quickly percei-
ving, passed over the bridge to the gate, fastning the in-
struments of fire workes, and kindling of the same,
which wrought not at the very first, but yet at last with
the greater force, it did teare, & brake both gate, wall,
and whatsoever els it lighted on, and made such way,
that they in the forwarde, thrust into the Holde, making
hast to the watch, which they killed. And certaine also,
tooke in the principall Bulwarks, and some fired the
Ordinance at the gate.

In which time, the rest of the company were not i-
dle, but with great violence did fall in, helping their fel-
lowes, that they that came first, tooke the Ordinance at
the Weissenburgish gate, and discharged the same from
the carriage, that the Turkes could not come to shoote
of the same, against the rest of our people, which were
yet without.

When the Turkes perceived it: they defended them-
selves very valiantly and manfully: wherof many that
were lying in their bedde, and feared no such danger,
came speedily running out in their shirts, as in haste and
for feare, not making themselves ready, defending them-
selves stoutly, but yet all in vaine, for they were all kil-
led by the Christians.

The Lord Adolph of Swartzburg, with certaine
great Ordinance, went before the Castle, and with
shooting opened the same, wherco he found about 600.
Turks, which thought to haue saved themselves, which
were all slaine, with the Bassa of Raab. The Bassa had
in each hand a Sabel, and defended himselfe so stoutly
and manfully, that he could not be taken alive, but was
lastly thrust through by a Wallon, his heade sticke by
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pon a pole, and sette ouer the Hungarian Bulwarke.

There were also about 300. crept vnderneath a Bulwark, wherein stood certaine barrells of Gunpowder. Which our men comming vnto, the Turkes would not yeld themselves, as also not looking for any saueur at our hands: they sette the Gunpowder on fire, splitte the Bulwarke, spoiled themselves, and about 300. of our men, which were then vppon the Bulwarke. Which was a great losse, aswell to our men, as to themselves. Which if it had not happened: it was thought, wee had not lost about 200. of our people.

But in the same vnlooked for skirmish (which continued fise houres) there was slayne of our men, about 600. And of the Turkes, about 1500. men. There was taken about 300. amongst the which was a Beglerbeg, the Bassaes sonne, and two of his Daughters. And againe, our men found about 400. Christians there, and released them.

It was also well furnished with victuals and other prouisions, and almost in euery house, was great store found.

Of Ordinance, on the wals and Bulwarks: there was 120. Pieces vpon wheeles, and there lie yet in the Fort 50. Pieces, without Carriages.

Our people had also so stopped all the gates of Raab, that not one could come forth, to tell the other Turkes nere at hand. So that the Turkes of Stulweissenburg, sent 40. Waggones of victuals and munition, gunpowder, & long Pieces, strongly conducted with Souldiers, to Raab. Which came thether euen as the skirmish was ended, who knowing nothing of their great losses and hurts: euer made halt towards the Towne. When they came to the Bridge, thinking no otherwise but that they were nere their friends: our men did let them come in, one after another. But gaue them such ill entertainement, that none escaped aliuie. Where vnto the Lord Palfi

Palfi helped well : for as they so passed in good order towards Raab, he departed out of his Bulwarke with his folke, environing them behind, slaying them, that none could escape. For looke what could not reach to the Towne : The same did the Lord Palfi, lay hold on, and slew.

The true counterfet of the Lord Palfi.



Likewise was there many of the principallest Turks, which were gone out of Raab, on foraging (as it is noted at the beginning) comming home, and because they knew nothing of their great losse, they thought themselves more surer : but our men fell vpon them, and slew them. By whom our men also found, (as thee did in the Towne) great treasure, of gold, silver, precious stones, and apparell. And haue brought away about 600. faire Turkish horses.

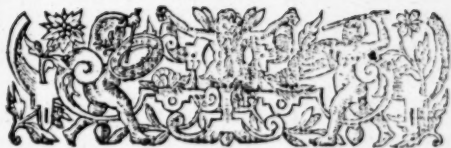
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And so, and in this manner (God be therefore euer prayfed and thanked) was this worthy place gotten againe, which the vehement Enemy with treachery had gotten from the Christians, & without reason possessed. And especially through the manfull courage of the chiefe Generall, The Lord Adolph Baron of Swartzburg, recovered and brought to Christendome. Whereunto also the honorable Lord Palfi, with his retinue, truly helped.

As the sayd Lord Adolph, in his first Letter to the Emperours maiesty prayseth him, that he in expedition of these affaires, behaued himselfe valiantly, as hee also writeth of the other Captaines, Lieutenants, & whole company. That they in this seruice of importance, behaued themselues according to his minde, and kept the order appoynted them. And withall declareth, that if he might be some helped with Horse-men and Foote-men: he would with Gods help, sake his good fortune, in some other place.

When these newes, were truly brought to the Emperour: his Maiesty thanked GOD for such a glorious victory. And the people were with 18. Trumpeters, and with Drums, called to the Church, where all the whole congregation did sing, Wee prayse thee o God. After which, there followed a Sermon, which Sermon, and thanksgiving being finished: There was at the Lion-houise 18. great Pieces of Ordnance, each three times shot of, for ioy of the obtained victory. And through the whole Citty, was a ioyfull feast holden, to the prayse and honour of God.



A CHRISTIAN EXhortation, whereby we are admonished to giue thanks with our harts, for the obtayned victory: as also to true repentance, and earnest and deuour prayer.

LIke as God in old time, by his Prophet, denounced that Israell in Assiria and Iury, with their kings and Princes, wiues and childzen, should be carried away to Babilon, the Land destroyed, and all by reason of sinne, false Doctrine, and Idolatry: yet they notwithstanding despised all warning and admonition, persecuted the Prophets, and fauoured yet their sinnes, till that they gaue the Lord cause, to thrust them out of his sight. Euen so, and in like manner, hath God our Christ, in the latter dayes of the world, also denounced vnto vs, of Gog and Magog, Mesech and Thubal. which are euen the Turkes, Tarters, and such like people. That they with great multitudes should over-runne, harry, and spoyle Christendome, and all through his wrath, by reason of our sinne. For thus sayth the Lord, in the 38. Chapter of Ezechiell. It shall come to passe, when Gog shall come: that my anger shall goe forth in my wrath, and I speake the same in my ieaousie, and in the fire of anger.

Whereby it is cleare, that the Turke is nothing els, but the wrathfull anger of G D D, against our sinnes, which he now, especially, in his gracious visitation, and reuelation of his holy word, in all places of Christendome, findeth to be so great: that it may euen now be sayd of vs, as it is witten of Israell. The children of Israell sinned against the Lord theyr God, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, & setled themselves against the Lord. And when the Lord sayd vnto them, Turne away from your euill doings, and keepe my commaundements: They harkned not, but stified their necks like the necks of their fore-fathers. Therfore are we threatened so much the more: in so much as in these dayes, we haue more grace and warning through his holy Gospel, then many of our fore-fathers, and predecessors.

Whereby it followeth then. What can a man doe, or what will he doe, when he hath God himselfe and the Turke, against him. But the chiefest and next way is, as he saith himselfe: Turne away from your euill doings, and keepe my lawes and commaundements. For by that meanes we bring God againe to vs, and may with comfort goe against our Enemies.

And withall, let all Christian people be here, with admonished, both high and low degrees, Superiours and Subiects, touching the great danger yet to come, of the professed Enemy of Christian name (the Turke) and what Enemies els soeuer there be: that euery one prepare himselfe to God, keepe himselfe from false doctrine, and leane with all his endeour, to the dære and precious word of God, and his holy Sacraments. To endeavour himselfe, as it were before God, to liue according to his word, and with good conscience, both openly and secretly, to leane of from euill, and to doe good. So then if euery one wil so doe: we may then be assured of Gods promises,

promises, where he sayth, Turne you to me, and I will turne me to you. The which he hath shewed by many notable examples amongst his people, when they were sore oppressed of their Enemies, and in the very midst of their punishment, turned vnto God: God did also turne vnto them, and gaue them oftentimes great fortune and victoꝝy, against their Enemies.

For so GOD sayth furthermore himselfe, that he wil punish the Enemies of Christendome, Gog, Magog, Thuball, and Melech, that they shall fall vpon the hills of Israell, which is (as all Christian Teachers doe vnderstand it) in the lands of Christendome, into which the same Enemies shall fall: and God will finally cast the same Enemy, and all whatsoever is against his Christendome, together, into the firy lake.

Whereof we haue now (God be thanked) a faire example, of the glorious victoꝝy, which we through Gods helpe, had at the strong Towne of Raab. Especially because God heard the hartly sighing and earnest prayers of his faithfull, himselfe standing by, and helping our Christian Souldiers. If now the wicked (whereof alas there are alwayes more then godly) would turne away from their euill wayes, to the little heape of the godly, with true repentance, and with them call earnestly vpon God: God would vndoubtedly shew vs yet greater helpe. And raise vp such valiant Souldiers, and giue them such harts and courage: that with the comfort of Gods helpe, dare goe vnder the very noses of their Enemies. Therefore let euery one, for the honour of God, helpe, and deliueꝝy, for his owne temporall prosperitie and saluation, be admonished to repentance.

For if the same haue not a right passage through vs: God can sone with-draw his helpe againe, that one land

after another must abide it, as Israell and Iuda and many
kings and kingdoms did, which heretofore were Chri-
stians, as hitherto is come to passe. And yet can God
make a difference both of spirituall and woꝛldly, with
them which repent and amend: and them also which doe
not repent.

But because prayer is the best armour, whereby we
call vpon Christ in faith: let vs with hartie thanks, for
the obtained victoꝛy, calling euermore to God, with hart
and mouth, say, We prayse thee, O God, &c.

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